

**ENROLLMENT FORM****NATURAL COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PLANNING/  
COASTAL SAGE SCRUB****Enrollment for Cities and Counties**

The Natural Community Conservation Planning/Coastal Sage Scrub (NCCP/CSS) project is a voluntary program and a collaborative effort with local government and landowners sponsored by the California Resources Agency and its Department of Fish and Game with the cooperation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The NCCP/CSS will focus on coastal sage scrub habitat and three target species within it. The NCCP goal is to conserve long-term viable populations of the State's native animal and plant species, and their habitats, in landscape units large enough to ensure their continued existence while allowing compatible and appropriate development and growth, as set forth in Section 2800 et. seq. of the California Fish and Game Code (The Natural Community Conservation Act of 1991).

Local jurisdictions agree to join in the collaborative planning process that will lead to preparation of guidelines and standards required by the Natural Community Conservation Act. The purpose of the planning guidelines is to achieve the following objectives:

- a. Reconcile potential conflicts between the conservation of coastal sage scrub habitat, as defined on the basis of surveys of target species, and planned development or other actions that could impair long-term habitat functions.
- b. Help coordinate the NCCP program with provisions of federal and state law, such as critical habitat, habitat conservation, and recovery plan requirements, as applicable.
- c. Provide for the review of NCCP plans pursuant to the program environmental impact report (EIR) provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to define programmatic impact assessment, alternatives analysis, and mitigation measures for future individual projects or actions within the NCCP plan area with regard to potential impacts on coastal sage habitat and associated species.
- d. Provide assurance against additional mitigation requirements being imposed for the purposes set forth in the plan except upon a showing of significant unforeseen circumstances.

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As a participating jurisdiction The City of Escondido  
agrees to the following.

1. To assist in the formation of subregional coastal sage scrub natural community conservation plans by:
  - a. Cooperating with other local governments and with landowners to undertake field studies on CSS within their jurisdictions.
  - b. Cooperating with other local governments and with landowners to prepare and process NCCP's for subregions established under the NCCP program.
  - c. Utilizing regulatory authority to the extent authorized by law to support the Natural Communities Conservation Planning (NCCP) Program as envisioned by Fish & Game Code Sections 2800 - 2880.
  - d. Including information on the NCCP program with materials and advice provided to potential project applicants & encourage landowners to enroll their lands.
2. To be sensitive to the potential impacts of proposed activities on coastal sage scrub during the NCCP planning period by:
  - a. Enrolling, to the maximum extent feasible, publicly-owned lands into the NCCP program by completing the "Enrollment Agreement for Landowners and Land Management Agencies" form and submitting it to the Department of Fish and Game NCCP Program Coordinator.
  - b. Ensuring that its employees are aware of the NCCP program and of the jurisdiction's commitment to it.
  - c. Coordinating existing fire prevention & brush & weed abatement policies with the Department & USFWS to ensure that the coastal sage scrub community is not unnecessarily impacted.

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The commitment of the jurisdiction to maintain these standards is only for the duration of the collaborative planning period.

A jurisdiction may terminate its commitments under this agreement within 30 days following agreement on subregions and the establishment of the Department's NCCP process guidelines or within 30 days following August 1, 1992 if no process guidelines have been completed by that date.

Authorized Signature:

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May 29, 1992

Name

Date

Mayor

Title

City of Escondido

City or County